

Dear Dr. Burt and Staff,

Hello!! I am writing for several reasons today, but first I would like to thank you for your outstanding research, vision for the future and ongoing practice to change the medical community. You have definitely changed my life in a way that I NEVER thought was possible and I will be forever grateful to all of you!! I know, I know...you have heard all about it from the letter and photos my mama has sent. It's true! I am now able to take care of her in her later years vs. her taking care of me (shh...for almost 42 years now)!

My mother also let you know that I have been talking and talking and talking (to all) about HSCT, every chance I get. A lot of my communication has been through Facebook. I will gladly set my life aside any day, to connect with others regarding you, your team and HSCT. I can remember the time I was in the position of many, seeking out help and living in desperation.

such a surreal moment when I picked up the phone and was speaking to the one and only, "Kate Quigley"! I must admit, after I spoke to her (in my shaking, dumb blonde moment voice)...I literally cried like a 2 year old toddler. 😊

reminds me of myself, pretty much exactly. We both have had MS for many years (myself longer), we both have been through the gamut of terrible drugs that don't really work and we both struggle with cognitive deficits; which in my mind, was one of the worst things MS had taken from me. Pain and loss of function was nothing, but taking away my mind was unbearable. She also would be one of those patients needing acceptance on a "compassionate" basis.

I will pray she finds her way to Northwestern University, Chicago and in your office. Really...just praying for each and every individual to have this chance, the one you have given to me!

With warmest sincerity and gratitude,

Amy

